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SEE 865d.01/107 FOR #1710

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED May 29, 1936
TO _____ NAME _____ 1-1137 ...

REGARDING:

Building. Construction of 50 houses begun in Addis Ababa for officers and officials and their families. Concern will have its own offices in Addis Ababa for construction work there and in other centers of Ethiopia of living quarters for military and civil employees.

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its own office in Addis Ababa for construction work there and in other centers of Ethiopia of living quarters for military and civil employees. Meanwhile unsafe buildings in Addis Ababa are being demolished under the Government's orders, and former Government buildings being put into shape for Italian civil and military offices.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/157 FOR Despatch #1797

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED July 22, 1936.
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Architectural and housing problems in Ethiopia. Commission to be sent to Egypt, the Sudan, Kenya Colony, Uganda, and Tanganyika to study the best type of buildings for the Ethiopian climate.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/164 FOR #1839

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED Aug. 19. 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Meetings of the building trades organizations were called together to prepare way for rebuilding city "destroyed by the order of the ex-Negus" and for generally improving housing conditions in both the European and native quarters.

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Meetings of the building trades organizations were called together to prepare the way for rebuilding the city "destroyed by the order of the ex-Negus" and for generally improving housing conditions in both the European and native quarters. Over 200 Italian merchants are also reported to have met to establish normal conditions of trade and commerce. According to the newspaper account the Viceregal government desires to leave the merchants a free hand in the conduct of their affairs but will punish any irregularities or infractions of the regulations very severely. A subsequent news despatch from Addis Ababa states that the control of prices is entirely satisfactory and has been achieved without the use of any coercive measures by the Government.

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With regard to the Italian Commercial Mission mentioned on page 8 of my despatch No. 1776 of July 9 the press announces under the headline "What Italian Exporters Ought to Know" that the work of this Commission is being actively pursued. The article gives a resume of the Commission's findings regarding the importation of essential commodities such as salt, cotton, building materials, petroleum, clothes, cloth, automobiles, etc., into Ethiopia and the principal countries which supply the Ethiopian market with these commodities. According to this account the largest proportion is supplied by England, Czechoslovakia, and France. The United States is mentioned as being the principal source of automobiles. The article points out that Italy is in a position to furnish practically all of the commodities needed by Ethiopia and must prepare to do so, taking into consideration, in the case of automobiles, the very low price quoted by American automobile manufacturers.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/237 FOR #132

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED Dec. 22, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127

REGARDING: Construction of hotels in Italian East Africa. With view to encouraging the, - the Council of Ministers authorized the Government to take shares up to eleven and one half million lire in companies formed to construct and operate hotels in the Empire.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/247 FOR Despatch #155

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED Jan.13,1937
TO NAME 1-1127

REGARDING: Housing- Italian East Africa. Consideration of construction
of hotels in principal centers of Italian East Africa.

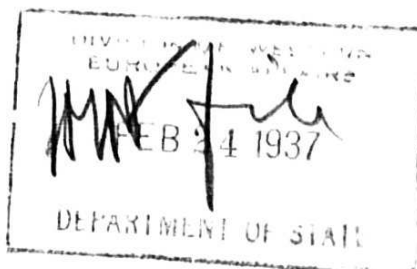
The construction of hotels in the principal centers of Ethiopia is being considered by one of the technical commissions which have been constituted for the development of Ethiopia. Two companies with a total authorized capital of 115,000,000 lire, to which the State will add the sum of 11,500,000 lire, have been formed, one for building and furnishing hotels and the other for their management.



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Addis Ababa, January 11, 1937.

No. 224

Subject: Formation of an Italian Hotel Company for
East Africa.



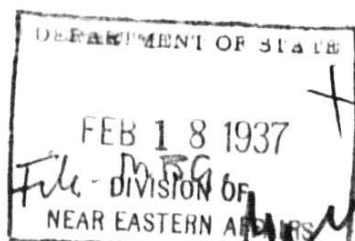
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To the Secretary
in U. S. A.

to Commerce



The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that on January 6, 1937,
the "Consulta Tecnica Coloniale" of the Italian Ministry
for Colonies approved the organization of a corporation
for the erection of suitable modern hotels in the prin-
cipal towns of Italian East Africa.

The company

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The company will be known as the "Società Immobiliare Alberghi in A.O.I." and will at first have a capital of 12 million lire. The capital may, however, be increased to 25 million lire within one year, and to 100 million lire at a later date as required.

Affiliated with this company, and likewise authorized by the Ministry for Colonies, is an organization for the administration and exploitation of these hotels. ("Società per la Gestione degli Alberghi in A.O.I."). It is to have an initial capital of 1,800,000 lire, which may be raised to 3 million lire within the first year, and to 15 million lire subsequently.

Respectfully yours,


G. van H. Engert
Minister Resident.

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SEE 865d.01/286 FOR Desp.#371

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED May 20, 1937
TØ/ NAME 1-1127 870

REGARDING:

Report of Italian administration and development of Ethiopia.
Autonomous Institute announces that the construction of low-cost houses can be built and its preliminary program calls for construction of 1,500 such houses for 75 million lire.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/290 FOR Despatch #383

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED May 28, 1937
TO NAME 1-1127 GPO

REGARDING: Tourist trade and hotels- Italian East Africa.

TOURIST TRADE AND HOTELS.

As to hotels, it is true that we have granted exclusive rights over a period of fifteen years to a semi-governmental organization. However small hotels and boarding houses are in no way excluded. On the other hand, it was our immediate concern to supply the Empire with hotels to put an end to the preoccupying scarcity of lodgings and to develop adequately the tourist trade.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/293 FOR # 446

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED June 24, 1937.
TO NAME 1-1127 670

REGARDING: Creation of an Autonomous Institute for Economic and
Popular Houses in Italian East Africa.

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